



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Thelma D. Drake
Agency Director

FROM: Corey Hill
Chief of Public Transportation

DATE: January 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report

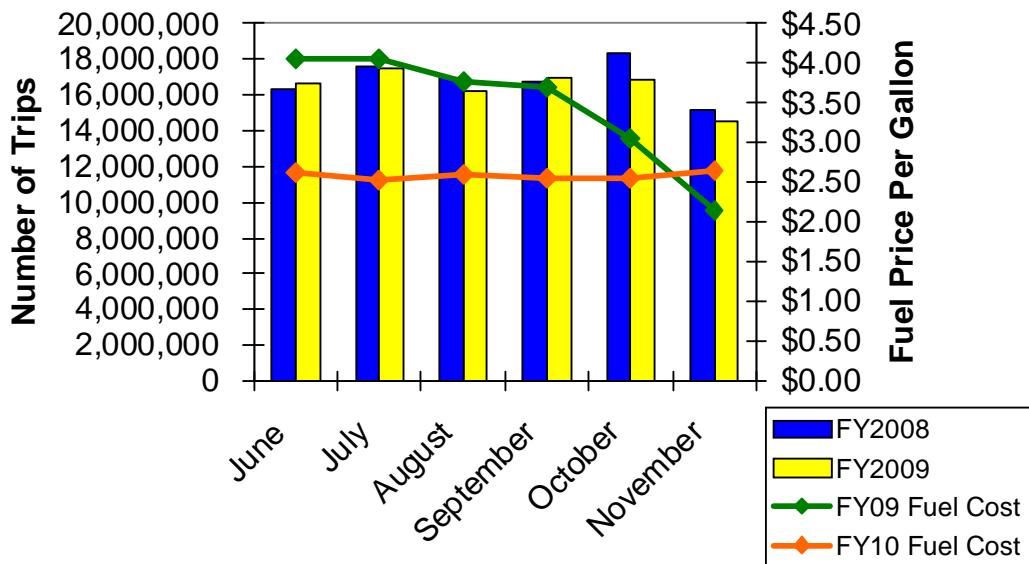
DRPT is pleased to present the monthly Statewide Transit Ridership Report, summarizing November 2009 transit, human service and commuter rail ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with individual operators to refine data and ensure that all modes, including bus, commuter rail and specialized service for the elderly and disabled, are accurately reported, and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by operators for November 2008 and November 2009.

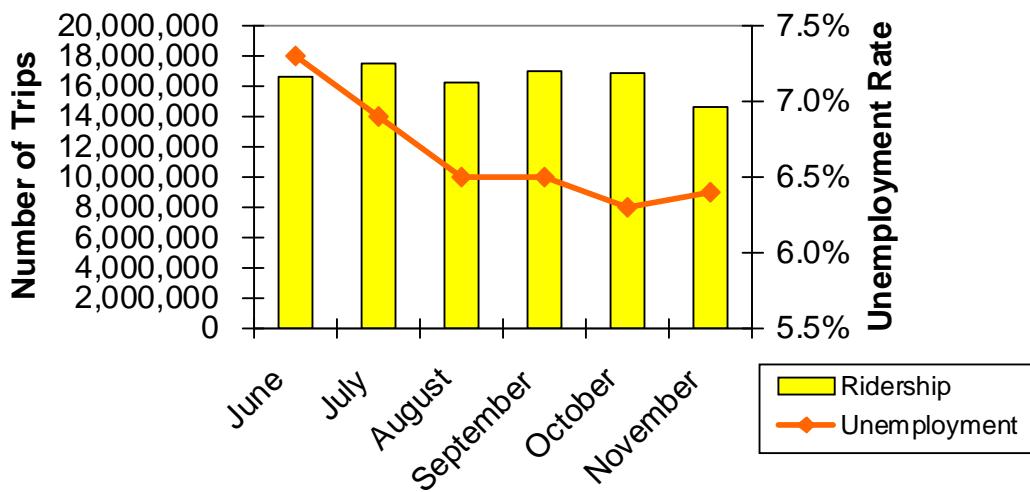
Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
 - The price of fuel per gallon increased 23.8 percent to \$2.65 per gallon in November 2009, as compared to the November 2008 price of \$2.14 per gallon.
 - Virginia statewide transit ridership for the month of November 2009 decreased by four percent as compared to November 2008, based on reports from all 59 transit operators, 49 (of 55) human service operators, and the one commuter rail operator.
 - Fiscal year-to-date 2009 statewide transit ridership remained steady as compared to fiscal year-to-date 2008.
 - Virginia's unemployment rate increased by 39.1 percent to 6.4 percent in November 2009 as compared to the November 2008 rate of 4.6 percent.
 - November 2009 included one additional weekday and one fewer weekend day than November 2008.
- Transportation district comparisons:
 - In transit ridership, the **Northern Virginia District** accounts for the majority at 75 percent in November 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 9.2 percent and the Richmond District at 6.2 percent.
 - In human service ridership, the **Staunton District** accounts for the majority at 24 percent in November 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 16.8 percent and the Fredericksburg District at 14.5 percent.
 - The districts with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for November 2009, as compared to November 2008, are the **Culpeper District** and the **Staunton District** at 9 percent, or 18,176 and 18,380 additional trips, respectively.

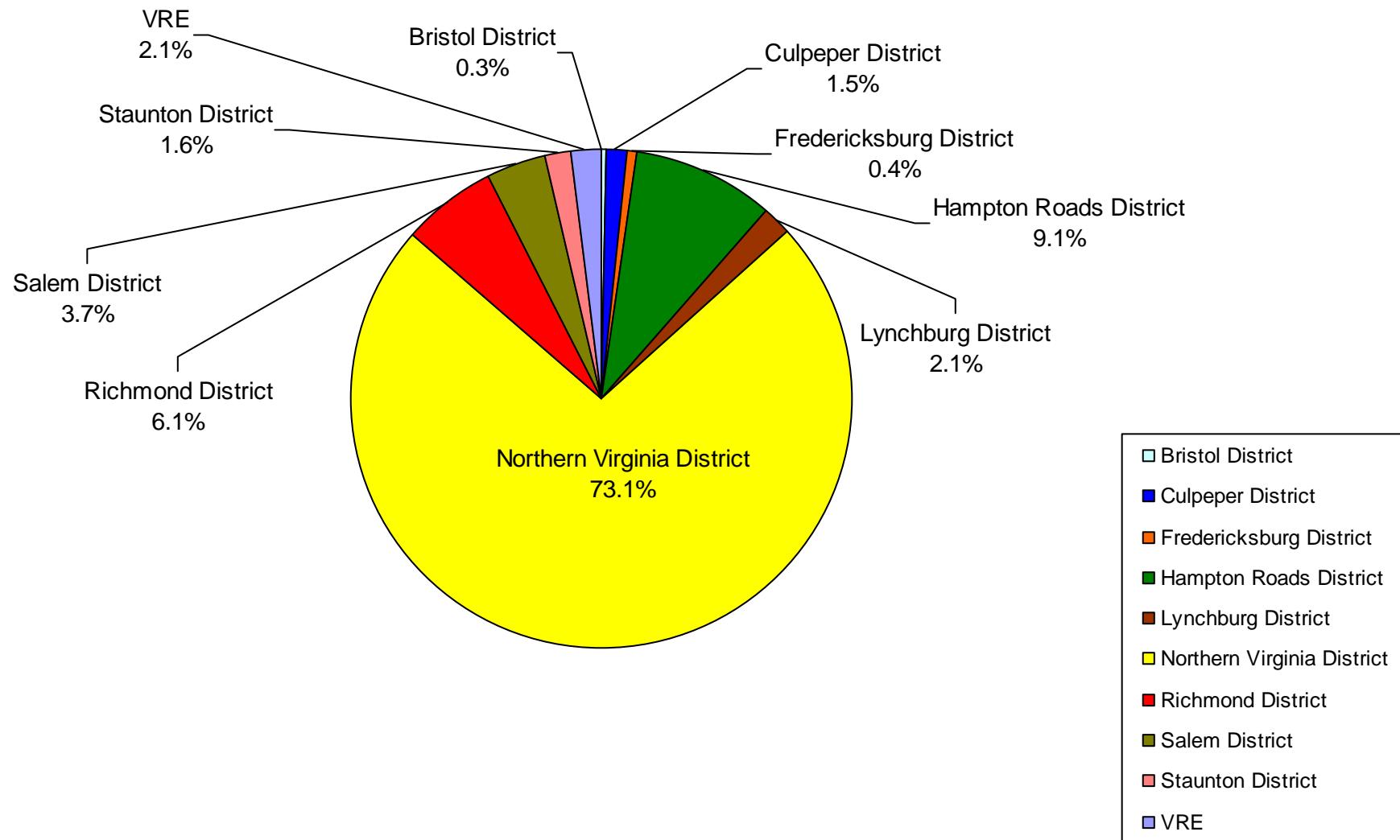
FY2009-FY2010 Transit Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison



2009 Transit Ridership and Virginia Unemployment Comparison

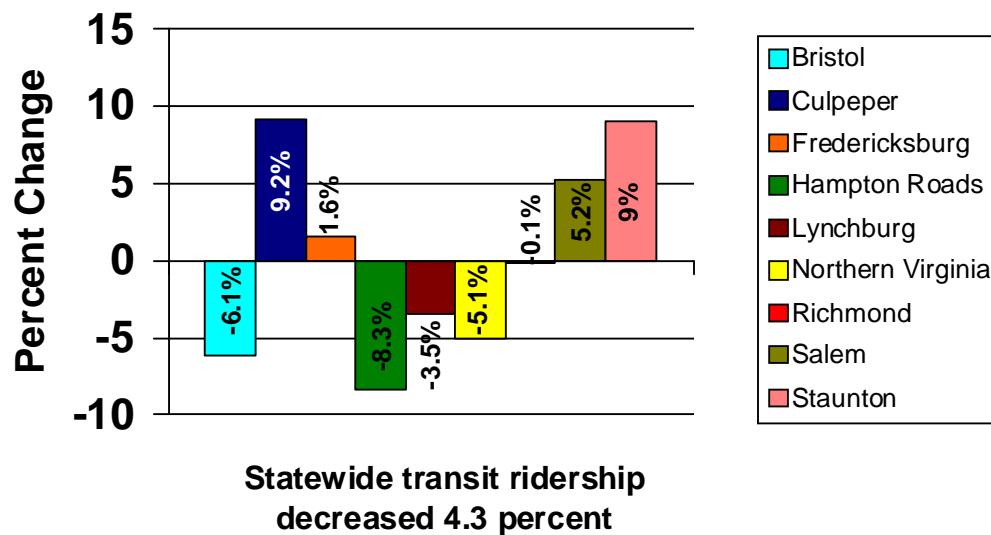


November 2009 Statewide Ridership by District

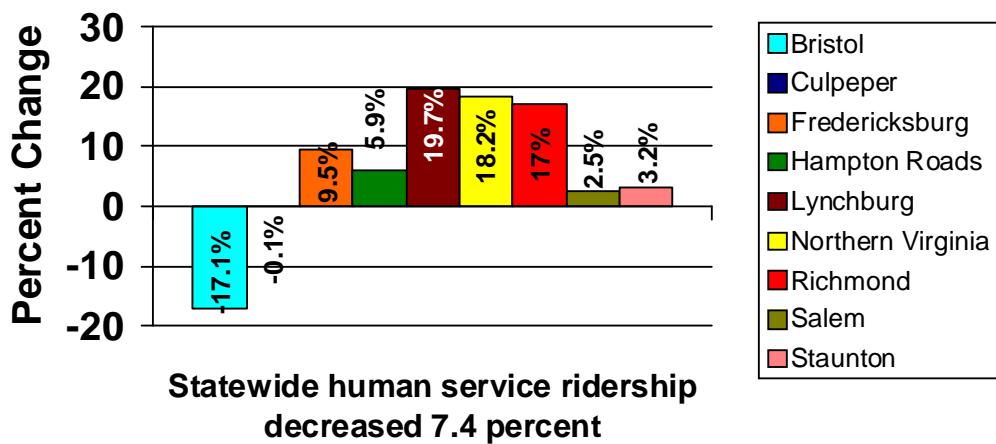


VRE ridership is not included within district totals because the operator provides cross-district service.
Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

November 2009 vs. November 2008 Transit Ridership by District



November 2009 vs. November 2008 Human Service Ridership by District



November 2009 Statewide Transit Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership November 2009	Total Ridership November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - November 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - November 2008)	Percent Change
Passenger Rail						
Virginia Railway Express	302,371	271,125	12%	1,656,569	1,622,106	2%
Total Passenger Rail Ridership	302,371	271,125	12%	1,656,569	1,622,106	2%
Bristol District						
City of Bristol Virginia	5,853	5,142	14%	33,906	32,146	5%
District Three Public Transit	16,662	18,291	-9%	98,086	100,988	-3%
Four County Transit	11,671	11,850	-2%	63,675	76,665	-17%
Junction Center for Independent Living	226	88	157%	1,311	1,021	28%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	1,791	2,344	-24%	9,895	10,123	-2%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens	3,981	5,358	-26%	24,540	32,768	-25%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	2,585	2,766	-7%	14,615	17,243	-15%
Bristol District Total	42,769	45,839	-7%	246,028	270,954	-9%
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville Transit Service	175,904	161,726	9%	974,461	819,766	19%
Greene County Transit	4,394	4,389	0%	22,299	22,129	1%
JAUNT	25,398	21,086	20%	126,446	116,767	8%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	2,900	2,902	0%	19,941	14,627	36%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	517	426	21%	2,600	2,135	22%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	2,489	2,917	-15%	12,158	10,279	18%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Culpeper	4,933	4,986	-1%	28,344	29,216	-3%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Orange	2,015	1,942	4%	11,413	11,889	-4%
Culpeper District Total	218,550	200,374	9%	1,197,662	1,026,808	17%

Operator	Total Ridership November 2009	Total Ridership November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - November 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - November 2008)	Percent Change
Fredericksburg District						
Bay Aging	8,552	9,607	-11%	56,120	61,268	-8%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	812	844	-4%	5,937	4,977	19%
FRED - Caroline County	643	585	10%	3,742	3,526	6%
FRED - King George	1,419	1,620	-12%	7,488	9,478	-21%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	40,322	38,267	5%	213,520	221,591	-4%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	10,891	9,950	9%	55,671	47,891	16%
Fredericksburg District Total	62,639	60,873	3%	342,478	348,731	-2%
Hampton Roads District						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula	1,351	1,350	0%	6,315	7,629	-17%
Bon Secours Senior Health	318	304	5%	1,742	2,152	-19%
Chesapeake Service Systems	612	364	68%	2,940	1,832	60%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	2,163	2,204	-2%	13,362	13,790	-3%
ESAAA/CAA	1,040	826	26%	5,708	4,552	25%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,137,365	1,257,380	-10%	6,817,703	6,788,045	0%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	486	446	9%	3,000	1,085	176%
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,229	1,454	-15%	7,774	9,130	-15%
Senior Services	3,473	2,630	32%	20,045	11,889	69%
STAR Transit	2,381	2,886	-17%	13,228	15,991	-17%
Sussex-Greenville-Emporia Adult Activity Services	1,741	1,681	4%	9,290	9,382	-1%
Town of Chincoteague*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	141	601	-77%	2,151	4,542	-53%
Williamsburg Area Transit	166,962	164,717	1%	1,438,316	1,582,771	-9%
Hampton Roads District Total	1,319,262	1,436,843	-8%	8,341,574	8,452,790	-1%

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Lynchburg District						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	846	622	36%	4,000	3,699	8%
Crossroads Community Services	481	0	0%	1,935	177	993%
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; Stonewall Jackson Therapeutic Recreation Center	45	56	-20%	306	342	-11%
Danville Transit System	19,601	19,970	-2%	105,749	111,921	-6%
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services	43	n/a	n/a	367	n/a	n/a
Farmville Area Bus	12,919	12,108	7%	55,915	54,973	2%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	264,879	276,106	-4%	1,314,897	1,434,851	-8%
JAUNT Buckingham	910	1,035	-12%	5,183	4,131	25%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	384	407	-6%	2,260	2,934	-23%
Southside Community Services Board	1,092	1,204	-9%	9,572	10,886	-12%
STEPS	1,064	1,002	6%	5,491	6,122	-10%
The Arc Of Central Virginia	2	17	-88%	40	49	-18%
Lynchburg District Total	302,266	312,527	-3%	1,505,715	1,630,085	-8%

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Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria Transit Company - DASH	297,510	300,749	-1%	1,649,916	1,755,839	-6%
Arlington County	150,841	107,990	40%	762,053	615,328	24%
City of Alexandria - King Street Trolley	34,966	65,283	-46%	237,811	222,745	7%
Fairfax - CUE	77,041	85,625	-10%	409,886	478,595	-14%
ECHO	4,524	3,355	35%	22,589	19,091	18%
Fairfax - Connector	748,538	715,947	5%	3,895,310	4,263,557	-9%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	154	130	18%	742	534	39%
Loudoun County Transit	72,133	62,706	15%	392,029	382,798	2%
PRTC	249,536	238,447	5%	1,371,688	1,396,068	-2%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	5,257	4,919	7%	32,212	25,276	27%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun	502	41,316	-99%	236,823	238,691	-1%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Purcellville	1,642	1,290	27%	9,411	8,718	8%
WMATA Metrobus	1,435,607	1,725,905	-17%	8,845,327	9,884,287	-11%
WMATA Metrorail	7,547,448	7,843,904	-4%	43,309,893	42,036,857	3%
Northern Virginia District Total	10,625,699	11,197,566	-5%	61,175,690	61,328,384	0%

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Richmond District						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	493	401	23%	2,691	2,342	15%
American Red Cross - Richmond	611	690	-11%	3,916	3,984	-2%
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	932	871	7%	5,767	5,193	11%
Beth Sholom Home	415	255	63%	2,032	1,464	39%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,551	1,604	-3%	8,719	8,988	-3%
Blackstone Area Bus / Dinwiddie County	399	n/a	n/a	1,656	n/a	n/a
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	470	282	67%	2,434	1,500	62%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	354	323	10%	1,736	1,716	1%
CAPUP	701	307	128%	2,713	681	298%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,214	1,302	-7%	6,990	8,066	-13%
Crater District Area Agency on Aging	2,935	3,362	-13%	22,643	18,427	23%
Daily Planet	17	15	13%	227	89	155%
ElderHomes Corporation	168	190	-12%	940	826	14%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	236	148	59%	1,240	1,300	-5%
Greater Richmond Transit Company	823,736	826,221	0%	4,348,915	4,587,769	-5%
Henrico Area Mr/Mr Services						
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,374	328	319%	8,056	7,239	11%
Petersburg Area Transit	47,987	47,717	1%	243,300	260,783	-7%
St. Joseph's Villa	1,324	304	336%	9,446	962	882%
Weinstein Jewish Community Center	178	115	55%	769	672	14%
Richmond District Total	885,095	884,435	0%	4,674,190	4,912,001	-5%

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Salem District						
Blacksburg Transit	326,470	296,666	10%	1,605,081	1,385,364	16%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	337	0	0%	1,841	461	299%
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	192,970	203,564	-5%	1,035,869	1,119,829	-7%
New River Valley Community Services	1,951	1,883	4%	10,085	9,977	1%
Piedmont Community Services	577	551	5%	2,887	2,741	5%
Pulaski Area Transit	7,383	3,906	89%	39,145	18,745	109%
RADAR / Martinsville/Henry County	856	n/a	n/a	2,844	n/a	n/a
RADAR / Roanoke	5,267	2,504	110%	15,162	7,042	115%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	4,693	4,912	-4%	22,087	23,054	-4%
Stepping Stones	40	68	-41%	194	264	-27%
Salem District Total	540,544	514,054	5%	2,735,195	2,567,477	7%

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Staunton District						
City of Winchester	9,601	10,130	-5%	52,309	62,878	-17%
Friendship Industries	793	723	10%	4,367	5,118	-15%
Grafton	1,681	1,295	30%	8,220	8,209	0%
Harrisonburg Transit	187,845	170,542	10%	854,755	781,487	9%
Pleasant View	5,390	6,267	-14%	27,083	25,111	8%
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	1,218	976	25%	5,619	6,096	-8%
Rockbridge Area CSB	782	828	-6%	4,610	4,732	-3%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center	405	557	-27%	1,959	3,251	-40%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System	780	863	-10%	4,305	4,084	5%
Shen-Paco Industries	38	108	-65%	382	630	-39%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	2,711	1,747	55%	14,590	11,694	25%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	567	510	11%	3,043	2,905	5%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,459	2,212	11%	13,466	12,723	6%
Vector Industries	2,394	2,332	3%	13,070	4,846	170%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	4,709	3,455	36%	25,984	18,946	37%
Virginia Regional Transit - City Of Staunton	6,320	7,332	-14%	42,845	47,235	-9%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	179	181	-1%	829	819	1%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	511	580	-12%	2,664	3,492	-24%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	4,691	4,087	15%	24,465	20,748	18%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Front Royal	931	900	3%	5,559	5,292	5%
Staunton District Total	234,005	215,625	9%	1,110,124	1,030,296	8%
STATEWIDE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP						
	14,533,200	15,139,261	-4%	82,985,225	83,189,632	0%

CALENDAR COMPARISON	November 2009	November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - Nov. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - Nov. 2008)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	17	16	6.3%	102	102	0.0%
Number of Saturday and Sundays	9	10	-10.0%	44	44	0.0%
Number of Holidays	4	4	0.0%	5	5	0.0%

COMMUTER RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	November 2009	November 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - Nov. 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - Nov. 2008)	Percent Change
Virginia Railway Express	82.4%	80.6%	1.8%	89.0%	86.2%	2.8%

*Amtrak ridership and on-time performance data is now provided in the monthly Statewide Amtrak Virginia Performance Report